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New Island Supply Vessels

1. "The port of Tallinn has been appointed 'the supply port of the Estonian islands' for the navigational period of 1954. All goods destined for the islands are concentrated at Tallinn and distributed from there. The number of ships supplying the islands has been augmented by two new ones: 'Vormsi' and 'Sindi'. The crews of these ships are Soviets.

Truck Regulations

2. "All trucks of the civilian auto-trusts and auto-bases of the Estonian SSR must have in readiness in their garages a set of UCA (Universaalne Oborudovanie Avtomashin Dlia Transporta Voisk). An UCA set consists of:
 - (a) Wooden benches for 12-16 soldiers, depending on the size of the truck.
 - (b) Two wooden steps for ascending and descending. These steps are attached to the back side of a truck.

Truck Drivers' Income

3. "The monthly wages of truck drivers in the Estonian SSR were as follows in 1953:

Drivers of 3rd cat. for trucks working in the city of Tallinn	430-600 rubles
Working in other parts of the Estonian SSR	410-550 rubles
Working on Kolhozniki, Sovkhozov, etc.	380-500 rubles

A pair of leather shoes cost 450 rubles, a suit of woollen clothes 800-1500 rubles. Therefore they can afford only cloth or felt footwear and quilted cotton clothes. The truck drivers have an eight-hour working day.

Civilian Defense Measures

4. "On 10 November 1953 no special shelters against airborne bombs had been built for

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the civilian population of Tallinn. The only measure taken in a desultory fashion was the adaptation of the cellars of residential houses for protection against the blast of explosion, splinters, the effect of incendiary bombs, the action of high temperatures in case of fire, and against poisonous substances. The cellars are also provided with extra exits in case the upper floors are blown up, covering the cellar."

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